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WASHINGTON, July 31, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 26 totaled an estimated 17.3 billion ton-miles, 0.7 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 30 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 503.3 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 26 totaled 380,430, down 1.3 percent from last year, but 3.3 percent higher than the previous week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 3.6 percent in the West, but down 7.6 percent in the East, and 2.9 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 6,059 cars (29.2 percent) and metallic ores increased by 3,612 cars (25.7 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 19 totaled 93,863 trailers and/or containers, 7.0 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 29 weeks of the year was 2,698,810 trailers and/or containers, up 9.8 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/26/86:

	Loadings in Week ended July 26, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,775	I	6,059	29.2	I	1,257	4.9
Other farm products	2,862	D	167	5.5	D	595	17.2
Metallic ores	17,680	I	3,612	25.7	I	2,130	13.7
Coal	112,163	D	8,395	7.0	I	10,067	9.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,173	I	179	1.3	D	875	5.8
Nonmetallic minerals	8,178	D	4,374	34.8	D	885	9.8
Grain mill products	10,274	D	263	2.5	I	43	0.4
Food and kindred products	10,645	D	429	3.9	D	238	2.2
Primary forest products	10,242	D	460	4.3	D	37	0.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,043	I	702	9.6	I	521	6.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,147	D	1,078	8.2	I	105	0.9
Chemicals and allied products	22,411	D	64	0.3	D	764	3.3
Petroleum products	4,897	I	156	3.3	D	13	0.3
Stone, clay and glass products	10,314	D	128	1.2	D	60	0.6
Coke	3,745	D	940	20.1	D	621	14.2
Metals and products	8,809	D	228	2.5	I	202	2.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,536	D	2,805	13.8	D	316	1.8
Waste and scrap materials	7,895	D	163	2.0	I	273	3.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,991	D	3,714	55.4	D	103	3.3
All other carloads	68,549	I	7,469	12.2	I	2,214	3.3
LCL traffic	101	D	81	44.5	D	3	2.9
Total Cars Loaded	380,430	D	5,112	1.3	I	12,302	3.3
Corresponding week of 1985	385,542						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (30 weeks)	11,133,178	11,215,196	D 0.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
29 Weeks ended July 19	486.1	490.2	D 0.9
Week ended July 26	17.3	17.4	D 0.7
30 weeks cumulative	503.3	507.6	D 0.8

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